

## Transportation Commission

**Status:** Active

**Created:** 9/19/1988

**Ended:**

**Description:** The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on matters relating to the safe and efficient movement of vehicles, transit, pedestrians, and bicycles. The Commission provides a public forum to hear citizen complaints and requests regarding transportation matters.

Special Qualifications: None

**Authority:**

Ordinances: 2046 (9/19/1988), 3870 (11/3/2009) - S.R.C. 2-280 to -2-283

Resolutions:

**Purpose:**

The purpose, powers and duties of the Transportation Commission are combined in Sec. 2-283.

**Powers and Duties:**

Sec. 2-283. - Purpose; powers and duties.

(A) The Transportation Commission shall advise the City Council on matters relating to the safe and efficient movement of motor vehicles, public transportation, which includes but is not limited to pedestrians, bicycles, equestrians and trail users upon designated paths and trails, streets and all elements of the transportation network of the City; the transportation master plan in accord with the community mobility element of the general plan; and the City's capital improvement program and operating budget for transportation. This includes as needed issues involving the City's intelligent transportation systems efforts, aesthetics along roadways such as landscaping and new transportation facilities and surface transportation infrastructure improvement and/or routine maintenance. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that the Transportation Department's or its successor agency's budget be precluded from going through the normal budgetary process used by the City prior to Transportation Commission review or infringe upon the City Manager's budgetary responsibilities under the City Charter. The Transportation Commission shall provide a public forum to hear citizen comments and requests regarding transportation matters. The duties of the Commission shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(1) Recommend to the City Council, annually, a prioritized five-year capital improvement program for transportation, including an analysis of funding resources.

(2) Recommend to the City Council, annually, a prioritized one-year capital improvement program for transportation for the coming fiscal year, including analysis of funding resources.

(3) Recommend to the City Council, periodically, as appropriate, a prioritized implementation program and updates for the transportation master plan.

(4) Review periodically the DS&PM (Design Standards and Policy Manual) as it relates to transportation, and the community mobility element of the general plan and transportation master plan or subsequent guiding policy documents regarding transportation and make appropriate comments and recommendations.

(5) Make recommendations to ensure that the City's street system is accessible for all users, providing "complete streets". Complete streets are defined per the most recently adopted transportation master plan, and will be modified by reference with revisions to the transportation master plan.

(6) Review matters concerning mobility and safety and make recommendations to the City Council regarding measures that should be taken to promote mobility and safety within the City.

(7) Provide a public forum to hear citizen comments and requests regarding transportation matters on existing and potential or new transportation facilities related to mobility, and make recommendations to the City Council, as appropriate, as to the disposition of such citizen concerns.

(8) A Trails Subcommittee of the Commission is hereby established to advise the Commission as a whole and provide a public forum for issues surrounding paths and trails. The Subcommittee shall consist of two (2) Transportation Commissioners appointed by the Transportation Commission Chair and two (2) nonmembers of the Commission appointed to the Subcommittee by the City Council for terms of three (3) years. The Chair of the Subcommittee shall be a Commissioner selected by the Chair of the Commission. Nonmembers of the Subcommittee shall be held to the standards provided for in Division 1 of this article.

(9) Review this division periodically and make such recommendations as to its revision as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to further its goals.

(10) Reasonable efforts will be made to bring to the Commission any transportation budget information in a timely manner.

(11) Take any such further actions as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to further the goals of the Commission.

**Bylaws:**

The Transportation Commission adopted bylaws on December 1, 1988 and amended them on March 2, 1995, May 15, 1997, July 16, 1998, May 18, 2006, and April 12, 2010.

**Bylaws Provisions:**

Organization: Elections, officers, vacancies, Commission coordinator, committees

Clarification of meeting times, locations and procedures: quorum, member attendance, public comment, presentations, time limitations

Official records: definitions, recording of vote, public record

Rules and amendments: Robert's Rules of Order, written communications, interpretation and conflict

Absences (Bylaws): If a member is absent from four (4) consecutive meetings or five (5) meetings within a six-month period, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, the member's office shall be automatically vacated and a new member shall be appointed by the Council. Any question regarding what constitutes an exceptional circumstance shall be decided by the Chair. The Chair or Commission Coordinator shall notify the City Clerk's Office of the vacancy.

**Bylaws Link:** <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Asset27174.aspx>

**Notes:**

On February 8, 1988, Council began discussions on a possible Transportation Commission. The topic was brought up frequently during the spring of 1988. On September 19, 1988, Council adopted Ordinance No. 2046 establishing the Transportation Commission. The Council made the first appointments on October 18, 1988.

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On November 3, 2009, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 3970 which amended and restated the purpose, powers, and duties of the Transportation Commission, including establishing a Trails Subcommittee.

**Associated Boards:** Ad Hoc Citizen Trails Task Force, Trails Subcommittee

## Transportation Commission Membership Report

	Date Appointed	Term Begin Date	Term End Date
Gary Bretz - Current Member	5/22/2012	7/1/2012	7/1/2015
Terry Gruver - Current Member	2/12/2008	3/22/2008	3/22/2011
	4/5/2011	4/5/2011	4/5/2014
Paul Holley - Current Member	5/17/2011	6/24/2011	6/24/2014
Donald Maxwell - Current Member	7/9/2007	7/9/2007	7/9/2010
	7/9/2010	7/9/2010	7/9/2013
Steven Olmsted - Current Member	1/25/2011	1/25/2011	1/25/2014
Robert Stickles - Current Member	11/1/2011	11/1/2011	11/1/2014
Paul Ward - Current Member	6/24/2008	6/24/2008	6/24/2011
	5/17/2011	6/24/2011	6/24/2014
David Bentler	8/17/1999	8/17/1999	9/1/2002
John Berry	6/22/1993	6/22/1993	7/1/1996
	7/16/1996	7/16/1996	8/17/1999
Tim Bray	10/18/1988	10/18/1988	11/1/1990
	11/6/1990	11/6/1990	11/1/1993
Kurt Brueckner	11/1/1988	11/1/1988	11/1/1990
	11/6/1990	11/6/1990	11/1/1993
Michael Bruz	2/17/2004	2/17/2004	2/27/2006
Carleton Cole	6/23/2009	6/23/2009	9/2/2011
Frederick Davidson	3/19/2001	3/19/2001	12/26/2001
Brian Davis	9/9/2002	9/9/2002	6/21/2005
	6/21/2005	6/21/2005	6/24/2008
Stephen Fansler	11/6/1990	11/6/1990	11/1/1993
	12/7/1993	11/1/1993	2/1/1996
Paul Fichiera	11/7/1995	11/7/1995	11/1/1998
	2/16/1999	2/16/1999	10/29/2001
Francis Fiftal	1/6/1998	2/3/1998	2/1/2001
Robert Forman	12/20/1999	12/20/1999	6/1/2000
Mark Gilliland	12/10/2001	12/10/2001	12/1/2004
	3/22/2005	3/22/2005	4/1/2008
Glenn Gittner	7/11/2000	7/11/2000	3/21/2002
Thomas Gunn, Jr.	10/4/1994	10/4/1994	10/1/1997
John Harper	11/1/1988	11/1/1988	11/1/1991
Kathryn Heffernan	10/18/1988	10/18/1988	11/1/1991
Kay Henry	12/17/1991	12/17/1991	1/1/1995
	2/7/1995	2/7/1995	2/1/1998
Robert Hess	9/21/1999	9/21/1999	4/19/2001
J. David Hill	7/11/2000	7/11/2000	6/30/2003
	7/1/2003	7/1/2003	7/1/2006
Margaret Hodge (Dunn)	12/3/1996	12/3/1996	12/1/1999

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	Date Appointed	Term Begin Date	Term End Date
William Howard	6/21/2005	6/21/2005	6/21/2008
	6/24/2008	6/21/2008	6/21/2011
Eric Idarius	10/18/1988	10/18/1988	11/1/1989
	10/3/1989	11/1/1989	11/1/1992
Vivian Johnson	7/6/1999	7/6/1999	7/1/2002
	7/1/2002	7/1/2002	7/1/2005
Michael Kelly	1/6/1998	1/6/1998	6/1/2000
Virginia Korte	10/18/1988	10/18/1988	11/1/1991
Kelly McCall	6/3/2003	6/3/2003	6/3/2006
	5/15/2006	6/3/2006	5/15/2009
Ronald McMillan	4/19/1994	4/19/1994	5/1/1997
	5/1/1997	5/1/1997	8/17/1999
Mark Melnychenko	5/15/2001	5/15/2001	6/1/2004
June Meyers	1/7/1992	1/7/1992	2/1/1995
	2/7/1995	2/1/1995	2/1/1998
Andrea Michaels	5/15/2006	6/1/2006	11/19/2007
Brian O'Donnell	10/18/1988	10/18/1988	11/1/1990
Steven Partridge	10/7/1997	10/7/1997	11/5/1999
John Rooney	4/16/2002	4/16/2002	2/2/2004
Amanda Rutherford	2/17/2009	5/15/2009	4/28/2009
Jeffrey Schwartz	2/5/2002	2/5/2002	4/16/2003
Jack Shay	12/7/1993	12/7/1993	12/1/1996
Ronald Sherwood	12/17/1991	12/17/1991	1/1/1995
Diana Smith	7/18/1989	7/18/1989	8/1/1992
	6/16/1992	8/1/1992	8/1/1995
William Steinberg	12/7/1993	12/7/1993	7/1/1994
Howard Sukenic	2/12/2008	2/12/2008	11/17/2010
Matthew Taunton	7/7/2004	7/7/2004	7/1/2007
Josh Weiss	5/15/2006	7/1/2006	7/1/2009
	7/1/2009	7/1/2009	7/1/2012

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